

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

I-287

Montville

Groundbreaking Ceremony
April 29, 1992

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Governor Jim Florio
Commissioner Tom Downs

THE PROJECT

Today's groundbreaking ceremony marks the construction of the last 20.4 miles that will complete I-287 from Montville to the New York State Thruway in 1994.

During two decades of planning the Department resolved diverse complicated environmental issues concerning wetlands, parkland, historic buildings, railroad and water main relocations and noise impacts.

Interstate trucks will relocate to the new section of I-287 and dramatically reduce congestion on local roads and state highways, including Routes 202 and 17. Traffic flow is also expected to improve on the Garden State Parkway, I-80 and Route 23.

Six 100% federally funded contracts are currently in progress. This ceremony marks the start of the final three. They include the six-mile \$27.3 million stretch from Route 208 to south of Route 202 in Bergen County where Slattery Associates of Rockaway is building two ramp bridges and noise walls, paving and drainage.

Another project runs from north of Main Road to south of Route 23 through Morris County. M.J. Paquet of Palisades Park has this 5.8-mile, \$25.8 million paving, grading and drainage contract.

The last of 15 major contracts covers a 2.3 mile section from Ringwood Avenue to Mueller Road in Wanaque, Passaic County and Oakland in Bergen County. The \$35.1 contract includes paving, drainage and a 100 foot high, 1,800 foot long bridge by Conduit and Foundation Corp. of Bala Cynwyd, PA.

Just over \$9 million has been requested by the Department in the Fiscal Year 1993 budget for construction of the Ringwood Avenue Interchange in Wanaque. It will be built separately from the rest of the roadway and is currently in design. In addition to the full interchange, the project includes reconstruction of Ringwood and Union Avenues in Wanaque.



THE PROGRAM

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

I-287 Completion from Montville to the
New York State Thruway in Suffern, NY

2:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 29, 1992

Welcome

Assemblyman Alex DeCroce

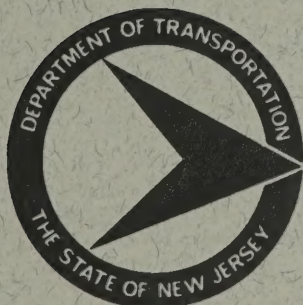
Guest Speakers

Governor Jim Florio

Commissioner Tom Downs

Federal, State, County and
Local Officials

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State of New Jersey
Governor Jim Florio
Commissioner Tom Downs

5th Congressional District
Marge Roukema

8th Congressional District
Robert A. Roe

11th Congressional District
Dean A. Gallo

26th Legislative District
Leanna Brown, Senator
Alex DeCroce, Assemblyman
Robert J. Martin, Assemblyman

34th Legislative District
Joseph L. Bubba, Senator
Marion Crecco, Assemblywoman
Gerald Zecker, Assemblyman

39th Legislative District
Gerald Cardinale, Senator
John E. Rooney, Assemblyman
Charlotte Vandervalk, Assemblywoman

40th Legislative District
Henry P. McNamara, Senator
Nicholas R. Felice, Assemblyman
David C. Russo, Assemblyman